

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: Y. KIYOTOKI et al
Serial No. 10/083,355
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Group Art Unit: 3754
Examiner: E. Keasel
For: JOINT CONSTRUCTION OF
COBALT-BASED ALLOY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: